

**DECLARATION AND POWER OF ATTORNEY FOR
PATENT APPLICATION**

As a below named inventor, I hereby declare that:

My residence, post office and citizenship are as stated below next to my name;

I believe I am the original, first and sole inventor (if only one name is listed below) or an original, first and joint inventor (if plural names are listed below) of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled *Vibration Isolation of Computing Device Heat Sink Fans from Attached Fan Shrouds and Heat Sinks*.

the specification of which:

 X is attached hereto.
 was filed on _____ as Application Serial No. _____
and was amended on _____
(if applicable)

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above.

I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to the patentability of this application in accordance with Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, 1.56.

I hereby claim foreign priority benefits under Title 35, United States Code, 119 of any foreign application(s) for patent or inventor's certificate listed below and have also identified below any foreign application for patent or inventor's certificate having a filing date before that of the application on which priority is claimed:

PRIOR FOREIGN APPLICATION(S)

Priority Claimed

 N/A
(Number) (Country) (Date Filed)

Yes/No

 N/A
(Number) (Country) (Date Filed)

Yes/No

I hereby claim the benefit under Title 35, United States Code, 120 of any United States application(s) listed below and, insofar as the subject matter of each of the claims of this application is not disclosed in the prior United States application in the manner provided by the first paragraph of Title 35, United States Code, 112, I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to the patentability of this application as defined in Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, 1.56, which occurred between the filing date of the prior application and the national or PCT international filing date of this application:

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I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issued thereon.

POWER OF ATTORNEY: As a named inventor, I hereby appoint all attorneys and/or agents associated with Customer Number 25299 and the following attorneys and/or agents to prosecute this application and transact all business in the Patent and Trademark Office connected therewith.

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1. The undersigned,

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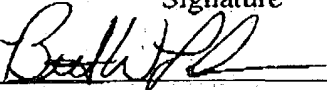
hereby undertake that the invention/new utility entitled *Vibration Isolation of Computing Device Heat Sink Fans from Attached Fan Shrouds and Heat Sinks* was truly Invented by me. The undersigned acknowledge that willful acts of imposture, plagiarism, imitation or deception are punishable under the laws of Taiwan.

2. The undersigned hereby assign all my rights and interests regarding the invention/new utility model/new design as far as the Republic of China is concerned to INTERNATIONAL BUSINESS MACHINES CORPORATION (hereinafter called "Assignee"), a corporation organized and existing under the laws of New York and located at Armonk, New York 10504, and do hereby declare that the Assignee is entitled to applying for and obtaining patent rights on the invention/new utility model/new design in its own name in the Republic of China.

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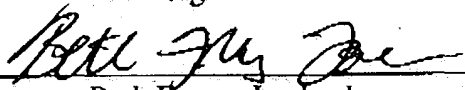
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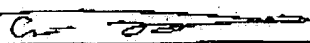
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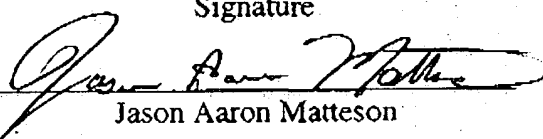
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